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Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: **Selection of Third Party Environmental Consultant**; STB Finance Docket No. 34421, HolRail LLC—Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 10901 to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(d), HolRail LLC ("HolRail") hereby requests the Surface Transportation Board's approval of PARSONS as its third party consultant to prepare environmental documentation associated with the construction project for which HolRail has sought exemption authority in the above-referenced docket. The contact information for PARSONS is as follows:

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HolRail understands that PARSONS is one of the companies approved by the Surface Transportation Board to prepare Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements in conjunction with rail line construction projects.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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